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In re Patent Application of )  
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Brian R. STONER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1745  
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Application No.: 09/817,164 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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Filed: March 27, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 8176  
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For: COATED ELECTRODE WITH )  
ENHANCED ELECTRON EMISSION )  
AND IGNITION CHARACTERISTICS )

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_, on \_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

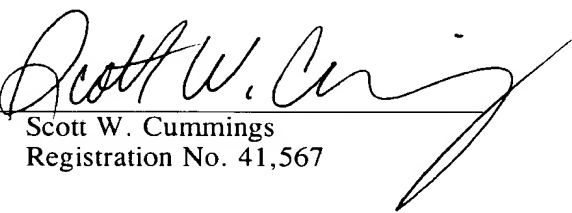
☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace paragraph [0001] appearing at page 1 with the following:*

--[0001] At least some aspects of this invention were made with Government  
support under contract no. N00014-98-1-0597. The Government may have certain rights in  
this invention.--

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